

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Material to be inserted is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

Please replace the paragraph found on page 9, lines 15-21, of the application, with the following replacement paragraph (to correct a typographical error):

The head of the bone screw may have any suitable connection to the shank. The head may be joined to the shank so that the head is fixed in relation to the shank. For example, the head and the shank may be formed unitarily, as a single piece. Alternatively, the head (or a portion thereof) is movable in relation to the shank (or a portion thereof). For example, the head and the shank may be formed as separate pieces (which themselves may have one or more pieces) that may be coupled rotatably **to one** [[to one]] another.